MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An investigation has been conductd and a design for the bridge is under preparation by the Chief Engineer.

Water-supply at Alleppey.

185. ❋ MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how far the work in connection with the water-supply to the Municipal town of Alleppey is successful ; and

(*b*) whether any expert opinion has been obtained as to the quality and extent of water that can be obtained from the place where the work is going on ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The investigation to find the source for water by deep well boring has been successful. The one deep bore well bored has been tested by the Water Works and Drainage Engineer and found to yield a minimum steady yield of 17,000 gallons per hour on a continuous pumping test of 120 hours with a depression of 25 feet. It is calculated that a yield of 30,000 gallons per hour with a depression of 40 feet will be available after the deep well turbine pumps are fitted up.

(*b*) No expert opinion is required in the matter, as the quantity of yield has been actually tested by the Water Works and Drainage Engineer by continuous pumping and found quite satisfactory ; and as regards the quality, the water has been tested chemically by the Water Works Analyst and found to be quite good and bacteriologically by the Superintendent of the Government Public Health Laboratory with similar result.

The Gnekkad-Nadayara Trace.

186. ❋ MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : With reference to the answer to question No. 46, given on the floor of the Assembly, at its meeting held on the 14th November 1935, regarding the conversion of the trace from Gnekkad to Nadayara in the Chirayinkil taluk into a cart road, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the preliminary investigation was made ; and

(*b*) the amount of expenditure to be incurred in constructing the road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) In 1934.

(*b*) Rs. 9,600.

Electric Supply in the Trivandrum Town.

187. ❋ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the additional amount demanded from the applicants who apply for house connection of electric supply for their houses which are situated on the side of roads but not electrified ;

(*b*) whether the applicants have to defray the charges of poles wires, etc., on the road from the main line ; and

(*c*) whether from the applicants only the charge from the road to their houses will be demanded in future ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) As per the tariff of rates in force at present all service connections within 50 feet of the nearest supply post will be made by the department, free of cost, to the consumer, but the consumer has to pay for the post, stays and struts which may be found necessary to give him service connection even if such a post is within 50 feet of the concession allowed. If a house is situated on the side of a road which is not electrified, the applicant has to pay the whole cost of the service connection from the nearest supply post deducting the amount as per the concession of the 50 feet specified above.

(*b*) The applicants have to defray the cost of all poles found necessary and also for wire etc., required over and above the 50 feet of concession.

(*c*) The question will be considered when the tariff rates are revised.

Malaria in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

138. ❋ **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the areas affected by the recent malaria epidemic in the Neyyattinkara taluk

(*a*) whether any relief works have been undertaken in such areas under "Irrigation"; and

(*b*) (i) whether the improvement of a few tanks in such areas has been proposed to be undertaken under relief works;

(ii) if so, whether such proposal has been sanctioned; and

(iii) if not, what is the cause of the delay?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*).

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer proposed certain improvements to a few irrigation tanks in the *pakuthies* affected if the condition of the people warranted such relief works being started. But since the Darbar Physician and the Director of Public Health considered that the situation did not demand such measures immediately, the matter was not pursued.

Supply of Electricity to Chengannoor.

189. ❋**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Electrical Engineer has received any written representation from the public of Chengannoor for extending the supply of electricity to Chengannoor also; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action hitherto taken thereon?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposals are under consideration.

Acting Graduate Teachers.

190. ❋ **MR. K.A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that a large number of graduate teachers, who have put in more than 3 years' service, do not get the benefit of the provision made in para 9 of the

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